

**0MINUTES OF THE
SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE**
210 Senate Building, Utah State Capitol Complex
February 11, 2015

Members Present: Sen. Ann Millner, Chair
Sen. Jim Dabakis
Sen. Mark B. Madsen
Sen. Aaron Osmond
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson
Sen. Stephen H. Urquhart

Members Excused: President Wayne L. Niederhauser

Members Absent: Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson

Staff Present: Ms. Allyson Goldstein, Policy Analyst
Ms. Wendy Hill, Committee Secretary

NOTE: A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Chair Millner called the meeting to order at 3:46 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Dabakis moved to approve the minutes of the February 5, 2015, meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Madsen and Sen. Urquhart absent for the vote.

S.B. 34 Charter School Authorization Amendments (*Sen. A. Osmond*)

Sen. Osmond explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Mr. Craig Frank, Utah Charter Network
Mr. Royce Van Tassell, Executive Director, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools

Spoke against the bill: Ms. Tami Pyfer, Education Advisor, Utah Governor's Office
Ms. Sara Jones, Director, Utah Education Association

MOTION: Sen. Osmond moved to replace S.B. 34 with 1st Sub. S.B. 34. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Madsen moved to pass out 1st Sub. S.B. 34 favorably. The motion failed, with Sen. Dabakis, Sen. Millner, and Sen. Urquhart voting in opposition.

Sen. Stephenson explained S.B. 145 would not be heard today.

1st Sub. H.B. 169 English Language Arts Instructional Tool (*Rep. C. Moss*)

Rep. Moss explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Dr. Sydnee Dickson, Deputy Superintendent, Utah State Office of Education

MOTION: Sen. Osmond moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

S.B. 151 National Board Certification Scholarships for Teachers (*Sen. A. Osmond*)

Sen. Osmond explained the bill to the committee. Sen. Osmond made a power point presentation and distributed handouts to the committee.

Spoke to the bill: Dr. Sydnee Dickson, Deputy Superintendent, Utah State Office of Education

Spoke for the bill: Ms. Dessie Olson, President, Utah National Board Coalition
 Ms. Mary Alsop, teacher
 Ms. Amy Merrit, teacher
 Ms. Jacqueline Eckert, teacher

Spoke against the bill: Dr. Carl Boyington, Director, Secondary School Principals Association
 Mr. Peter Cannon, citizen

S.B. 116 was not considered.

MOTION: Sen. Osmond moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Urquhart absent for the vote.

Chair Millner adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.

Sen. Ann Millner, Chair